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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2008, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Species 1 for initial examination in this application. Claims 1-8 and 11 read on the elected species; claims 1-6 are generic to all species outlined in the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since all of Species 1-4 are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for Species 1 would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for Species 2-4. Thus, search and examination of all species herein could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must

examine it on its merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

For at least the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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